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1. Soviet overflights to Cuba. *Circular 626*

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When I saw Spaak October 10 I briefed him on why we wish NATO members to deny Soviet requests to overfly or make stops in NATO territory on flights to Cuba. I strongly urged that Belgium NATO representative be instructed to support our request and left with him talking paper we had also given Foreign Office.

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FAA Spaak expressed appreciation for briefing and said he just received message from De Staercke on this subject which he had not yet had time to study. While he could not commit himself to support us until he had studied matter and discussed it with Prime Minister and appropriate Cabinet members, he was sympathetic and said he would have our views very much in mind.

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Petroleum derivatives for Cuba. (EMBTEL 585).

I also informed Spaak about shipment lubricant additive via "S MAESTRA" and reasons why so very important prevent this

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shipment from reaching Cuba. (We had previously been in touch with appropriate Ministries.) Said we understood [ ] has contract to provide 1000 tons of freight solvent for shipment to Cuba with 600 tons to be loaded Rotterdam October 10 and 400 tons to be loaded later at Antwerp. We hoped most earnestly that GOB would do everything it possibly could to help in preventing this shipment from going forward. [ ] left with Spaak confidentially piece of paper with essential facts (but no indication as to source of information), and he promised to look into this question as a matter of urgency but frankly did not know what GOB was in position legally to do.

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